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For: COMPATIBILIZING AGENT, RADICAL COPOLYMERIZABLE UNSATURATED
RESIN COMPOSITION, MOLDING MATERIAL, AND MOLDED ARTICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 14, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please note the following
amendments thereto:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6-8 as follows:

6. (Amended) A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition comprising a
compatibilizing agent, a radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin, and a polymerizable unsaturated
monomer,

wherein the compatibilizing agent is a graft copolymer (A) which contains a styrene

monomer as a principal component, and has a principal chain (A1) consisting of a copolymer with a (meth)acrylate monomer and a side chain (A2) selected from a ring-opening polymerized polyether side chain consisting of a polyoxyalkylene ether, a polyester side chain, and a polycarbonate side chain, the side chain (A2) being bonded to the principal chain.

7. (Amended) A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition according to claim 6, further comprising an addition polymerized polymer.

8. (Amended) A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin is an unsaturated polyester.

Please add new claim 11:

11. A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition according to claim 7, wherein the radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin is an unsaturated polyester.

REMARKS

The above amendments correct the dependency of the claims and eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 8 to place the application in better condition for allowance.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS AND SPECIFICATION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6-8 as follows:

6. (Amended) A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition comprising ~~the a~~ compatibilizing agent ~~of claim 1~~, a radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin, and a polymerizable unsaturated monomer,

wherein the compatibilizing agent is a graft copolymer (A) which contains a styrene monomer as a principal component, and has a principal chain (A1) consisting of a copolymer with a (meth)acrylate monomer and a side chain (A2) selected from a ring-opening polymerized polyether side chain consisting of a polyoxyalkylene ether, a polyester side chain, and a polycarbonate side chain, the side chain (A2) being bonded to the principal chain.

7. (Amended) A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition ~~the compatibilizing agent of claim 1~~, according to claim 6, further comprising an addition polymerized polymer, ~~a radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin, and a polymerizable unsaturated monomer.~~

8. (Amended) A radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin composition according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the radical copolymerizable unsaturated resin is an unsaturated polyester.